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NEW TEXT

President Nixon's Speech

Following is proposed new language which would replace the paragraphs beginning with "here is the essence...." and ending with "proposal in October.":

"Here is the essence of our peace plan; public disclosure may gain it the attention it deserves in Hanoi.

Within six months of an agreement:

--We shall withdraw all U. S. and allied forces from South Viet-Nam.

--We shall exchange all prisoners.

--There shall be a ceasefire throughout Indochina.

--There shall be a new presidential election in South Viet-Nam.

President Thieu will [shortly] announce [on behalf of our governments] the elements of this election. These include international supervision; and an independent body to organize and run the election, representing all political forces in South Viet-Nam, including the National Liberation Front.

Furthermore President Thieu has informed me that within the framework of the agreement outlined above, he makes the following offer: He and Vice President Huong would be ready to resign one month before the new election. [A caretaker administration, headed by the President of South Viet-Nam's Senate, would take over the governmental duties] except for election responsibilities which would [continue to] be the sole responsibility of the independent election body.

There are several other proposals in our new peace plan; for example, as we offered privately on July 26 of last

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year, we remain prepared to undertake a major reconstruction program in South Viet-Nam to help ~~all those peoples~~ its people to recover from the ravages of a generation of war.

We will pursue any approach that will speed negotiations.

We are ready to negotiate the plan I have outlined tonight and conclude a comprehensive [final] agreement on all military and political issues.

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